STEWART BRAND'S GRANTS, 1973, A NOVEMBER EVALUATION...

1. Loren Sears, $1000. I said okay on the phone to his project videotaping Indiana shamans and have ever after regretted it. He crowded into the house one day, showed crappy videotape, and I ran him out. Now he bothers Jerry Mander. My fault, Jerry. Sum feeling, boo.

2. Steve Durkee, $1000. For flying lessons. He learned to fly. Did not get a license. Asked for another $1000. Fuck that, but the original was worth it, I think. Sum feeling, yay.

3. Council Grove Conference, $1000. At Jerry Mander's behest. Not worth $1000 to me, but I think it was for Jerry to learn about the creepiness of Power. Sum feeling, boo.

4. Paul Spang, $2000. Not used for underwater equipment, I gather from Joan McIntyre, but for basic maintenance. Fine with me. Sum feeling, yay.

5. New Alchemists, $2000 (against possible $8000). The ~~Alchies~~ Alkies are flourishing and have a specific spectacular invention to show us for the money. To be unveiled this winter. Sum feeling, yay.

6. ~~Feinegal~~ Integrated Living Systems Labs, $2000 (against possible $8000). This $2000 competition was inspired by Bob Reines' feistiness. They're steaming along with a whole wind-generated design facility and nice integrative work. Sum feeling, yay.

7. Zomeworks, $2000 (against possible $8000). POINT may yet be glad of its Zomeworks stock. The $2000 went into a "bead-wall" variable insulating device that Steve says may keep skyscrapers from becoming obsolete heat sinks. The Zomers are busy and effective as ever. Sum feeling on the whole contest, yay.

8. R. Nilson/R. Menninger, $2000. A Huey Johnson grant. I gather they're proceeding well on urban community gardens. Sum feeling, yay.

9. Peter Berg, $500. A Huey Johnson grant. For Planetdrum. They're proceeding along. Sum feeling, boo.

10. New Alchemists, $16,000. This replaced a grant given and then jerked out by Rodale. Enabled their 3rd season of Talapia fishpond work. Sum feeling, yay.

11. Heinz von Foerster, $16,000. To initiate a Cybernetics Primer. Heinz, his associates and class at The University of Illinois are well under way with the class and The Cyberneticism magazine. Good task setting, I think. Sum feeling, yay.

12. Huey Newton (Glen Godfrey), $10,000. Rent loan, initiated by Dick Baker to secure Panther house in Zen Center neighborhood (The Zen District). Sum feeling, yay.

13. S.P.R. Charter, $1000. In cahoots with Huey Johnson. Steve Charter begged. Sum feeling, boo.